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FIREFIGHTER CLASS TO GRADUATE FROM STATE ACADEMY

BELL BUCKLE, TN - Recruit firefighters from across the State of Tennessee will graduate from the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy this Thursday.

Located on 330 acres in northern Bedford County, the state-of-the-art training campus has been an eight-week "home away from home" for the students. The graduating class has a total of 24 students, many of whom had never stepped foot into a burning building before attending the Recruit/Firefighter I program through the Academy.

Students participated in a rigorous eight-week course which contains various life and death fire training scenarios in a program schedule that follows the ready-round-the-clock life that firefighters lead. On any given day or night, the students encountered the mundane from classroom lectures and loading fire hose to the heart pounding excitement of rescuing trapped "victims" and handling hazardous fuel spills.

"The knowledge and skills required of firefighters is always increasing. The cadets in the current class have received the most diverse training any recruit has received from the Academy," stated Roger Hawks, Executive Director of the Fire and Codes Academy. "We are proud these cadets have accepted this challenge and successfully completed their goal."

The graduation ceremony will be held at the Academy on Thursday, November 9th at 10:00 a.m.

Recruit / Firefighter I Participating Fire Departments:

Dickson Fire Department
Fairview Fire Department
Hendersonville Fire Department
Madisonville Fire Department
Maury County Rural Fire Department
Peytonsville Fire Department

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